IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as set out in the following claim listing:

1. (Currently Amended) A sliding cover comprising:

an outside plate having front and rear faces;

a ~~structural~~ support member fixed to the rear face of the outside plate;

a movable holding member disposed in a space between the outside plate and the ~~structural~~ support member and movable in a moving direction through a movable range; and

toggling means disposed between the holding member and the outside plate or the ~~structural~~support member,

wherein the ~~holding~~ support member ~~comprises~~ includes two parallel racks and guiding portions disposed at both end portions of the support member and extending in the same direction as the racks;

the holding member ~~comprises~~ comprising a holding plate, an even number of pinions meshed with each other and supported by the holding plate so as to be rotatable, and guiding components supported by the holding plate and guided by the guiding portions, the even number of pinions being disposed between the guiding components;

the pinions ~~located at both ends are~~ being meshed with the racks, and the guiding components ~~are~~ being engaged with and slidable with respect to the guiding portions ~~so as to be slidable~~; and

the ~~biasing direction in which the~~ toggling means ~~biases~~ biasing the holding member in a biasing direction that is reversed substantially at ~~the~~ a midpoint of the movable range of the holding member.

2. (Currently Amended) The sliding cover according to claim 1, wherein the ~~structural~~support member ~~further comprises~~ is provided with an operating projection protruding ~~to the~~ opposite ~~side~~ to the rear face of the outside plate.

3. (Currently Amended) The sliding cover according to claim 2, wherein the operating projection has a pushing surface inclined to the moving direction of the holding member, and is supported by the ~~structural~~support member so as to be rotatable; and

the pushing surface is biased by biasing means interposed between the ~~structural~~ support member and the operating projection such that the sides of the pushing surface along the rotational axis are perpendicular to the moving direction of the holding member.

4. (Original) The sliding cover according to claim 2, wherein the operating projection is formed of a spring having a pushing surface inclined to the moving direction of the holding member; and

the pushing surface is resilient to the moving direction of the holding member.

5. (Currently Amended) An electronic device having a sliding cover provided on a body such that the state of the sliding cover can be changed between a closed state to block sections to be closed and an open state for exposing the sections, wherein

the sliding cover comprises an outside plate having front and rear faces, a ~~structural~~ support member fixed to the rear face of the outside plate, a movable holding member disposed in a space between the outside plate and the ~~structural~~ support member and movable in a moving

direction through a movable range, and toggling means disposed between the holding member and the outside plate or the ~~structural~~support member;

the ~~holding~~ support member ~~comprises~~ includes two parallel racks and guiding portions disposed at both end portions of the support member and extending in the same direction as the racks;

the holding member ~~comprises~~ comprising a holding plate, an even number of pinions meshed with each other and supported by the holding plate so as to be rotatable, and guiding components supported by the holding plate and guided by the guiding portions, the even number of pinions being disposed between the guiding components;

the pinions ~~located at both ends~~ being meshed with the racks, and the guiding components ~~are~~ being engaged with and slidable with respect to the guiding portions ~~so as to be slidable~~;

the ~~biasing direction in which the~~ toggling means ~~biases~~ biasing the holding member in a direction that is reversed substantially at ~~the~~ a midpoint of the movable range of the holding member; and

the sliding cover is retained on the body by fixing the holding member of the sliding cover to the body.

6. (Currently Amended) The electronic device having the sliding cover according to claim 5, wherein the sliding cover ~~comprises~~ is provided with an operating projection protruding ~~to the~~ opposite ~~side~~ to the rear face of the outside plate; and a switch provided in the body is operated when the state of the sliding cover is changed.

7. (Currently Amended) The electronic device having the sliding cover according to claim 6, wherein the operating projection ~~comprises~~ has a pushing surface inclined to the moving direction of the holding member, and is supported by the ~~structural~~ support member so as to be rotatable;

the pushing surface is biased by biasing means interposed between the ~~structural~~ support member and the operating projection such that the sides of the pushing surface along the rotational axis are perpendicular to the moving direction of the holding member, and is biased in the direction in which the pushing surface pushes an operation-receiving piece of the switch provided in the body; and

the biasing force of the biasing means is large enough to push the operation-receiving piece of the switch.

8. (Original) The electronic device having the sliding cover according to claim 6, wherein the operating projection is formed of a spring having a pushing surface inclined to the moving direction of the holding member;

the pushing surface is resilient to the moving direction of the holding member; and

the resilience is large enough to push the operation-receiving piece of the switch.